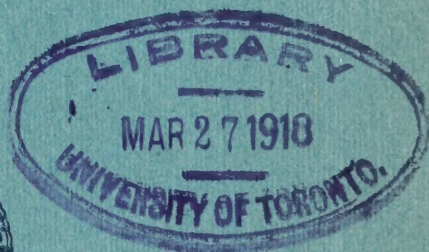
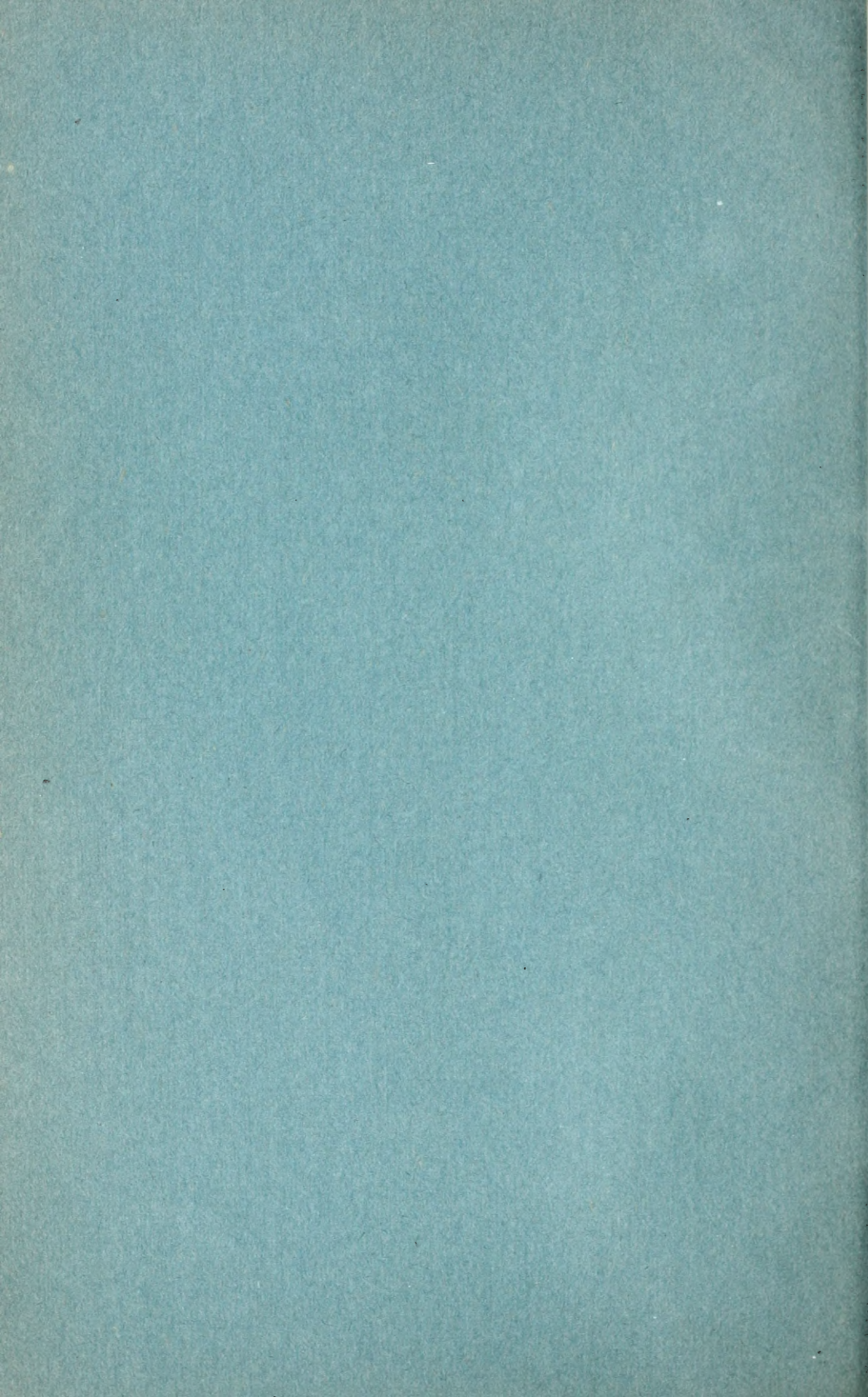


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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
LIBRARY COMMITTEE
OF THE
COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS
OF PHILADELPHIA
FOR THE YEAR 1917



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR 1917

MR. PRESIDENT: In accordance with the ordinances and By-Laws of the College, I herewith submit the following report of the Library Committee for the year 1917:

Total number of volumes in the Library, including the bound volumes and 16,451 unbound "Reports" and "Transactions"	119,019
Number of unbound "Theses" and "Dissertations"	9,010
Number of unbound pamphlets	93,133

Included in the above are 3,487 volumes known as "Reserves" consisting of second copies of some of the more important periodical publications; also 2,976 volumes more or less incomplete.

The duplicates, which are not included in the above total, number 5,028 at this date.

The following table shows the number of volumes in the various divisions of the Library:

	Bound.	Incomplete and unbound.	Total.
General Library	82,200	2,929	85,129
Lewis Library	13,609	44	13,653
On permanent deposit:			
S. D. Gross Library	3,566	3	3,569
Library of the Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia	217	0	217
			<hr/> 102,568

Received during the year from all sources 3,642 volumes, 7,930 pamphlets and 12,867 numbers of various periodicals.

Divided as follows:

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Journals.
General Library	2,776	7,909	12,867
Lewis Library	13		
S. D. Gross Library	7		
By purchase from General			
Account	390		
In exchange	456	21	
	<hr/> 3,642	<hr/> 7,930	<hr/> 12,867

Accessions (including 8 volumes of "reserves"):

General Library	2,586
Lewis Library	13
S. D. Gross Library	7
	<hr/> 2,606

Total increase in number of volumes for the year, 2,606.

Photographs received in response to requests sent out during the past year:

Fellows of the College, 4.

Foreign, 0.

Total number of portraits listed, 8,281.

An attempt will be made to obtain the portraits, in uniform, of the Fellows of the College in the service of the Government, to form a war album.

The individual "donors" for the year ending November 1, 1917, number 478; this represents 986 distinct presentations. Each gift is duly acknowledged and properly recorded.

The following list shows the donations of twenty-five volumes or more and the number of volumes presented by the various publishing houses:

	Volumes.
Dr. Richard C. Norris	126
Dr. Samuel W. Morton	105
Dr. F. S. J. Stoddart	81
Dr. C. S. Turnbull	79
Mrs. Alexander W. Biddle	78
Dr. William W. Keen	72
Dr. Benjamin D. Parish	65
Dr. H. K. Pancoast	64
Dr. H. R. M. Landis	62
Dr. A. P. C. Ashhurst	61
Dr. James C. Wilson	46
Dr. Hobart A. Hare	43
Dr. Robert G. LeConte	34
Dr. George M. Piersol	30
Dr. William G. Spiller	27
Dr. G. E. de Schweinitz	26

From the publishing houses of:

P. Blakiston's Son & Co.	30
F. A. Davis Co.	12
Lakeside Publishing Co.	1
Lea & Febiger	14
J. B. Lippincott Co.	14
W. B. Saunders Co.	59
William Wood & Co.	9

The Library is indebted for large gifts of pamphlets and unbound periodicals to the following donors:

Dr. Herman B. Allyn	Messrs. J. B. Lippincott Company
Dr. A. P. C. Ashhurst	Dr. Mason McCollin
Dr. John Aulde	Dr. Edward Martin
Dr. Charles Baum	Dr. William J. Merrill
Messrs. P. Blakiston's Son & Co.	Dr. Charles K. Mills
Dr. Charles W. Burr	Dr. Thomas R. Neilson
Dr. Henry W. Cattell	Dr. George W. Norris
Dr. Burton Chance	Dr. Richard C. Norris
Dr. S. Solis Cohen	Dr. C. A. O'Reilly
Dr. E. P. Davis	Dr. Francis R. Packard
Dr. G. G. Davis	Dr. Benjamin D. Parish
Dr. Henry M. Fisher	Dr. John B. Roberts
Dr. M. H. Fussell	Dr. Paul J. Sartain
Dr. Charles H. Frazier	Messrs. W. B. Saunders Company
Dr. Edward H. Goodman	Dr. G. E. de Schweinitz
Dr. Alfred Hand	Dr. Edward A. Shumway
Dr. H. A. Hare	Dr. C. F. Taylor
Dr. F. P. Henry	Dr. T. Turner Thomas
Dr. Addinell Hewson	Dr. William H. Wells
Dr. A. Bern Hirsh	Dr. H. R. Wharton
Dr. W. W. Keen	Dr. DeForrest P. Willard
Dr. John A. Kolmer	Dr. James C. Wilson
Dr. Henry R. M. Landis	Dr. W. S. Wray
Dr. Robert G. LeConte	Dr. William Zentmayer
Dr. M. W. Zimmerman	

764 new publications were added to the Library during the past year; 37 of these works were written or edited by Fellows of the College.

14 volumes were presented by the following authors or editors:

Dr. W. A. N. Dorland	Dr. Joseph McFarland
Dr. Hobart A. Hare (editor)	Dr. W. Campbell Posey
Dr. Edward Jackson (editor)	Dr. T. H. Shastid
Dr. H. B. Wood	

24 volumes were sent by the publishers at the request of the following authors or editors:

Dr. Albert P. Brubaker	Dr. E. E. Montgomery
Dr. Edward P. Davis	Dr. John H. Musser, Jr.
Dr. John B. Deaver	Dr. George A. Piersol
Dr. R. Max Goepp	Dr. C. E. deM. Sajous
Dr. H. A. Hare (editor)	Dr. H. W. Stelwagon
Dr. William W. Keen	Dr. J. Madison Taylor
Dr. T. C. Kelly	Dr. H. C. Wood, Jr.
Dr. Henry R. M. Landis (editor)	Dr. James K. Young

Summary of the "Funds."

	Volumes purchased.	Cost.
Henrietta Rush Fales Baker Fund	49	\$77.08
Luther S. Bent Fund	25	27.53
William T. Carter Fund	39	63.74
Gerardus Clarkson Fund	2	2.02
Francis X. Dercum Fund	62	124.12
Louis A. Duhring Fund	13	49.86
John D. Griscom Fund	46	70.76
William F. Jenks Fund	45	129.17
Oliver A. Judson Fund	0	0
William V. and John M. Keating Fund	20	36.88
William W. Keen Fund	16	50.78
Library Endowment Fund	46	117.04
Horace Magee Memorial Fund	142	255.65
J. Ewing Mears Fund	49	85.20
Charles K. Mills Fund	5	3.99
Weir Mitchell Fund	13	59.15
John H. Musser Fund	7	5.49
Elizabeth K. Newcomet Fund	21	26.71
William F. Norris Fund	28	108.71
Charles A. Oliver Fund	6	20.48
Philadelphia Medical Society Fund	1	9.14
Lewis Rodman Fund	18	54.35
Douglas Stockton Warren Fund	59	89.15
John F. Weightman Fund	4	6.46
Caspar Wistar Fund	41	95.45
	<hr/> 757	<hr/> \$1,568.91

Special Accounts:

	Volumes purchased.	Cost.
Fund for completing files of journals	42	\$93.90
Fund for rare and valuable books	176	3,248.21
New Book Fund	6	17.41
S. D. Gross Library Account	3	18.05
	<hr/> 227	<hr/> \$3,377.57

George B. Wood Fund for Library supplies, stationery, etc.
Expended \$324.70.

Morris Longstreth Fund. Expended on Account of Salaries,
\$558.53.

Catalogue Endowment Fund. Expended on Account of Salaries,
\$49.00.

	1917.	1916.	Decrease.
Books bound	1,205	1,253	48

	1917.	1916.	Decrease.
Number of visitors to the Library	3,864	5,910	2,046
[Fellows of the College]	1,116	1,864]	748

The Library has been kept open two evenings each week and on the six minor legal holidays, for the same hours and period of time as during the past year.

	1917 (79 evenings).	1916 (77 evenings).	Decrease.
Visitors, evening	510	553	43
[Fellows of the College]	132	156]	24

	1917	1916	Decrease
Visitors, legal holidays	50	74	24
[Fellows of the College]	11	17]	6

The above figures are included in the total number of visitors for the year.

	1917.	1916.	Decrease.
Number of books consulted in the Library	10,764	18,808	8,044

The number of books reported as "consulted in the Library" includes only those supplied on demand. Readers have access to the bound volumes kept on the shelves in the Reading-room, and the Fellows of the College have access to the Book-stacks. There are, therefore, a great many volumes consulted of which no accurate record can be kept.

	1917.	1916.	Decrease.
Number of books taken out	3,450	4,533	1,083
	Daily Average 1917. Volumes.	Daily Average 1916. Volumes.	Decrease.
Use of study rooms	197	203	6
	Works.	Volumes.	Cards written.
Cataloguing	1,381	1,545	10,759

All the books added to the shelves during the past year and 376 of the more important pamphlets have been catalogued and shelf-listed, and all bound volumes, including periodicals, transactions and reports, have been accessioned.

In addition to the typewritten cards, 1,493 printed cards obtained from the Library of Congress have been added to the catalogue.

10,712 unbound pamphlets and reprints have been subject-headed and arranged alphabetically by subject, and by author under the subject. Since the last annual report the Library Committee determined that all miscellaneous bound volumes of pamphlets upon the shelves should be taken apart and the pamphlets subject-headed; this is now being done as rapidly as possible. The binding by subjects will not be commenced until this work is completed.

Revision of the Catalogue: Number of cards revised, typewritten, examined and alphabeted for the year ending November 1, 1917: 15,967.

The revision of the catalogue has been completed to the end of the second series of the Index Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office.

The current periodical publications, including "Transactions" and "Reports" that we have listed, to be received as issued, are obtained through the following sources:

	American.	Foreign.
Endowment Funds	17	295
By purchase from General Account . . .	53	446
In exchange	87	76
Editors	118	21
Publishers	46	2

In addition, current numbers of periodicals are received, at stated intervals, through the courtesy of the editors and editorial staff of the following journals:

American Journal of the Medical Sciences	113	23
Therapeutic Gazette	—	—
	434	863

Actual number of current periodicals received at this date: 541.

It will be seen from the above figures that we have received less than one-half of the current periodical publications listed on our cards. No German publications have been received, which accounts for 348. The decrease in French is 173, in Great Britain and Colonies 38, in Italian 30, in other countries 37, and in the United States 120. Undoubtedly a large number of the foreign journals have ceased publication; the American journals not received were included under the head of Exchange and gifts from the Editors or Publishers. Letters have been sent to all, the few replies received were practically the same in each case—high cost of paper and extra working expenses have forced them to reduce the number of exchanges and cut out all complimentary copies. In a few cases it was reported that the publication had suspended.

	American.	Foreign.	Total.
New subscriptions added during the past year:	9	34	43

The following is a list of the foreign schools of medicine with which we exchange publications:

University of Amsterdam	University of Königsberg
“ Basel	“ Lausanne
“ Berlin	“ Leiden
“ Bern	“ Leipzig
“ Bonn	“ Liège
“ Breslau	“ Lund
“ Erlangen	“ Marburg
“ Geneva	“ Rostock
“ Giessen	“ Strassburg
“ Göttingen	“ Upsala
“ Griefswald	“ Utrecht
“ Halle	“ Würzburg
“ Heidelberg	“ Zurich .
“ Keil	
Faculty of Medicine of Bruxelles	
“	“ Paris
“	“ Toulouse
“	“ Yucatan

The above list has been allowed to stand as it was prior to the war, no attempt at a revision can be made at present. Last year we heard from Amsterdam, Bern, Giessen, Göttingen, Lausanne, Leipzig and Toulouse; this year we have heard from Breslau, Königsberg, Toulouse and Würzburg.

207 dissertations have been received and of these 187 were added to our collection during the year.

We have received in cash from the sale of duplicates, for the current year ending November 1, 1917: \$403.70.

We have an exchange, arranged on a cash basis, with two New York dealers, and have received during the past year books and journals valued at \$66.50 and have a balance to our credit of \$10.51.

During the year we have distributed books and journals on exchange account to the following:

Boston Medical Library
 Kansas City Medical Library Association
 Medical Library Association, Exchange Bureau

And we have received exchanges from the

Columbia University Library
 - Kansas City Medical Library Association
 Medical Library Association, Exchange Bureau
 Smithsonian Institution
 University of Michigan

With the aid received from exchanges and purchases made with funds appropriated for the purpose by the Library Committee, we have since November 1, 1916, completed the files of the following journals:

Archivio per le Scienze Mediche. Torino.
 Revue d'Hygiène et de Police Sanitaire. Paris.
 Zeitschrift für wissenschaft. Mikroskopie, Braunschweig.

Amount of fines collected from November 1, 1916, to November 1, 1917, \$41.00.

The following is a list of rare medical books and works of special interest received during the past year:

INCUNABULA

(Total number of incunabula at this date, 218 Titles, 211 Volumes.)

Ars memorativa. Ingoldstadt, Johann Kachenlofen, Circa, 1493.

The only copy known except one in the Berlin Royal Library.

Fund for Rare Books.

Compendium sententiarum praeclarissimarum adversus astrologiam. Modena, Rocociola, Circa, 1490. [Hain-Copinger 5570.]

Glanvil, Bartholomaeus. Liber de proprietatibus rerum. Colonia, Koelhoff, 1481. [Hain-Copinger 2501.]

One of the earliest of the many editions of this famous encyclopædia of natural history and medicine. Fund for Rare Books.

Hermes Trismegistus. Liber de potestate et sapientia Dei. Venetiis, Damianus de Mediolano, 1483. [Hain 8461.]

Dedicated to Cosimo Medici by the commentator, Marsilius Ficinus Florentinus. Fund for Rare Books.

Lucretius Carus, Titus. De rerum naturæ liber. Verona, Paulus Fridenperger 1486. [Hain-Copinger 10282.]

The second issue of this work but the first dated edition. Only book from this press. Fund for Rare Books.

Molitor, Ulricus. De lamiis et phitonicis mulieribus. [Cologne, Cornelius de Zierikzee, Circa, 1490.]

Most famous XVth century book on witchcraft.

Fund for Rare Books.

de Orbellis, Nicolaus. Logica. . . cum textu Petri hispani. Venetiis, Rubeus, 1500. [Not in Hain.]

Commentary on the writings of Petrus Hispanus who became the medical Pope, John XXI. Fund for Rare Books.

[Pergamenus, Nicholas.] Liber dialogus creaturarum appellatus. Cologne, Conrad Winters de Homborch, 1481. [Hain 6126.]

Very rare edition of this famous collection of fables.

Fund for Rare Books.

Petrus de Abano. Expositio in librum problematum Aristotelis. Venetiis, Herbort, 1482. [Hain-Copinger 17.] Fund for Rare Books.

Pico della Mirandola, Giovanni count. [Opera.] Bononia, Benedictus Hectoris, 1496. [Hain-Copinger 12992.]

First edition, including his medical and astrological treatises.

Fund for Rare Books.

Publicius, Julius. Oratoriæ artis epitoma. . . insuper et perquam facilis memoriæ artis modus. . . Venetiis, Ratdolt, 1485.

[Hain 13546.]

Duke of Sussex's copy. Most beautiful book printed by Ratdolt.

Fund for Rare Books.

de Sacro Bosco, Joannes. Sphæra mundi. Venetiis, Bonetus Locatellus, 1490. [Hain 14113.]

Illustrated with astrological wood-cuts. Fund for Rare Books.

Salernum, School of. Regimen sanitatis Salernitanum. [Montpeliler.] 1480. [Hain 13747.]

First dated edition. [Brunet.] According to Ebert and Choulant, the first edition. Fund for Rare Books.

Salernum, School of. Regimen sanitatis Salernitanum. [Louvain, John of Westphalia, Circa, 1482.] [Hain 13749.]

Finely printed in two Gothic types at the second press in Louvain. Fund for Rare Books.

Salernum, School of. Regimen sanitatis Salernitanum. [Coloniæ, Circa, 1480. [Hain 13751.]

Contains also Arnoldus de Villa Nova's own treatise on Hygiene. Fund for Rare Books.

Scott, Sir Michael. Liber phisionomiæ. . . de procreatione et hominis phisionomia. . . [Hain-Copinger 14550.] Venice, Jacopo de Fivizano, 1477.

First dated edition of the earliest printed work on generation. Fund for Rare Books.

Scott, Sir Michael. Liber phisionomiæ. . . de procreatione et hominis phisionomia. [Circa 1490.] [Hain 14546.]

Fund for Rare Books.

Theobaldus. Bishop. Physiologus de naturis duodecim animalium. [Circa 1480.] [Hain 15467.]

First edition. Rare. Fund for Rare Books.

Works of Special Interest

Academy of medicine of Philadelphia. Constitution. 1799.

Rare. Presented by B. Login & Son.

Account of the Philadelphia dispensary. Philadelphia, Budd, 1802.

Fund for Rare Books.

Acosta, C. Tractado de las drogas. Burgos, de Victoria, 1578.

Very rare first edition, from the Library of the Marquis of San Francisco. Fund for Rare Books.

Bebelius, H. *Commentaria epistolarum conficiendarum*. Argentinae. Schürer, 1513.

Interesting work, especially the nomenclature of diseases.

Fund for Rare Books.

Beddoes, T. and Watt, J. *Considerations on the medicinal use. . . of factitious airs*. 3 ed. London, Allen, 1779.

Fund for Rare Books.

Benedictus, A. *Singulis corporum morbis*. Venice, Junta, 1533.

First edition.

Fund for Rare Books.

Blondus, M. A. *De memoria libellus*. Venetiis, de Nicolinis de Sabio, 1545.

Fund for Rare Books.

Browne, J. *Account of the wonderful cures performed by the cold baths, with advice to the water drinkers at Tunbridge*. London, How, 1707.

Fund for Rare Books.

Brunschweig, H. *A most excellent and perfecte homish apothecarye*. Trans. out the Almaine. Cologne, Birekman, 1561.

Fund for Rare Books.

Brunschweig, H. *Noble experyence of the vertuous handywarke of surgery*. London, Treveris, 1525.

First work on surgery in the English language. Exceedingly rare.

Fund for Rare Books.

du Choisel, Claude. *Easy. . . method of treating persons bit by mad animals*. London, Johnston, 1756.

Apothecary to the Jesuit Mission of Pondicherry, East Indies.

Fund for Rare Books.

Cogan, T. *Haven of health*. London, Bradwood, 1612.

First edition. Rare. This copy formerly belonged to George Steevens, editor of Shakespeare, and has his autograph.

Fund for Rare Books.

Columbus, M. R. *De re anatomica libri xv*. Paris, Foucher, 1562.

Fund for Rare Books.

Contardo, G. A. *Il modo di preservarsi. . . dalla peste*. Genova, Pavoni, 1630.

Very Rare.

Fund for Rare Books.

Cornutus, J. *Canadensium plantarum*. Parisiis, le Moyne, 1635.

First edition. Rare.

Fund for Rare Books.

Culpeper, N. *Physicall directory*. London, Cole, 1649.

Fund for Rare Books.

De balneis. Venetiis, Junta, 1553.

Scarce and interesting collection of works of 73 authors.

Fund for Rare Books.

Digby, Sir Kenelm. *Choice collection of rare chymicall secrets*. London, Hartman, 1682.

Rare work, illustrated with chemical instruments.

Fund for Rare Books.

Dodonæus, Rembertus. *Niewe herball*. Trans. out of French. London, Dewes, 1578.

Dedicated to Queen Elizabeth by the translator, Henry Lyte.

Fund for Rare Books.

Doolitel, T. *Serious inquiry for a suitable return for continued life, in and after a time of great mortality, by a wasting plague, [anno 1665.]* London, Johnson, 1666.

Very rare. On the great London plague.

Fund for Rare Books.

Eröffnetes philosophisches Vatterherz. Strasburg, Zetzner, 1650.

Early edition of rare work on alchemy. Fund for Rare Books.

Fage, J. *Speculum ægrotorum*. The sick-mens glasse. London, Lutter, 1638.

Curious treatise on popular hygiene and the doctrine of the four humors.

Fund for Rare Books.

Fernelius Ambianus, J. *Universa medicina*. 6 ed. Hanover, Marnii, 1610.

Fund for Rare Books.

Fludd, R. [Opera.] *Francofurti*, Kempfferi, 1621, 1623.

Presented by Henry K. Pancoast, M.D.

à Fonseca, Rodericus. *De tuenda valetudine, et producenda vita liber*. Florence, Sermartelli, 1602.

First edition.

Fund for Rare Books.

Franchimond von Frankenfeld, N. *Lithotomia medica*. Prague, Zieger, 1683.

Very Rare.

Fund for Rare Books.

Fürstenau, J. F. *De spasmo vesico*. Kintelii, Enaux, 1745.

Presented by Charles W. Burr, M.D.

- Gerarde, J. *Herball*. London, Norton, 1597.
First edition. Fund for Rare Books.
- Glauber, J. R. *Consolatio navigantium*. Amsterdam, Jansson, 1657.
First Latin edition. Fund for Rare Books.
- Glauber, J. R. *Opera chymica*. Franckfurt a.M. Götzen, 1658-9.
Interesting work on alchemy. Fund for Rare Books.
- Glauber, J. R. *Tractatus de medicina universali*. Amsterdam, Jansson, 1658.
Alchemy and the properties of gold. Fund for Rare Books.
- Guerin, J. *Le parfait chirurgien charitable*. 7 ed. Lyon, Potin, 1666.
Contains a description of the plaster called "Manus Dei."
Fund for Rare Books.
- Harvey, Gideon. *De febribus tractatus theoreticus*. London, Thackery, 1672.
First edition. Fund for Rare Books.
- Hoffmann, F. *Treatise of the extraordinary virtues of asses' milk*.
Trans. from the German. London, Whiston, 1754.
Rare. Fund for Rare Books.
- Ingrassia, G. F. *Informatione del pestifero*. [Palermo, Mayda, 1576.]
Fund for Rare Books.
- James VI, of Scotland; I of England. *De abusu tobaccai discursus*.
Rostock, Haller, 1644.
Extracts from James I's "Counterblast" in a Latin version.
Fund for Rare Books.
- Journey of Dr. Robert Bongout, and his lady to Bath. London, Dodsley, 1778.
Burlesque-poem. Fund for Rare Books.
- Letters to a sick friend. London, Parkhurst, 1682.
Presentation-copy to John Locke; contains his reputed autograph.
Fund for Rare Books.
- Loselius, J. *De podagra tractatus*. 2 ed. Leyden, Maire, 1639.
By purchase.
- Lovell, R. *Enchiridion botanicum*. 2 ed. Oxford, Davis, 1665.
Fund for Rare Books.
- Lower, R. *Traité du coeur*. Paris, Michallet, 1679.
Fund for Rare Books.

M. M. M. Felix puerpera. Leyden, Vander Aa, 1684.

Rare first edition. Dedicated to Drelinecourt.

Fund for Rare Books.

Maierus, Michael. De circulo physico quadrato; hoc est, auro, eiusque virtute medicinali. Jenæ, Gallari, 1616.

Very rare work on the medicinal properties of gold.

Fund for Rare Books.

Malfi, T. Il barbiere di Tiberio Malfi. Napoli, Beltrano, 1626.

First edition of very rare work on barber-surgeons by the "Counsel" of the Barber-Surgeons of Naples.

Presented by W. W. Keen, M.D.

Martinius, H. Anteambulo medicus. Bregæ, Tschorn, 1668.

Very rare first edition.

Fund for Rare Books.

Matthioli, P. A. I discorsi. . . di Pedacio Discoridæ Anazarbeo. Vinegia, Valgrisi, 1555.

Fund for Rare Books.

Meianus, Anselmus. Enchiridion naturale. Paris, Barier, 1509.

Rare interesting work.

Fund for Rare Books.

Mesue Damascenus, J. Opera. 2 vols. Venetiis, Junta, 1589.

Two folio volumes in original vellum.

Fund for Rare Books.

Möllenbroccius, V. A. De varis, seu arthritide vaga scorbutica tractatus. Lipsiæ, Grossii, 1663.

Fund for Rare Books.

Montanus, J. B. In secundam fen primi canonis Avicennæ.

Venetiis, Valgrisi, 1557.

Fund for Rare Books.

von Mynsicht, H. Thesaurus et armamentarium medico-Chymicum. Lugduni, Huguetan, 1649.

Celebrated work on hermetic philosophy.

Fund for Rare Books.

Naironus Banesius, A. F. De saluberrima potione cahve, seu cafe. Romæ, Herculis, 1671.

Early tract on coffee.

Fund for Rare Books.

Ochus, H. De pestilentibus. Brixia, Gromii, 1650.

First edition. Dedicated to the Duke of Mantua.

Fund for Rare Books.

Paëpp, J. *Artificiosæ memoriae*. Lugduni, Vincentius, 1618.
Fund for Rare Books.

[Paëpp, J.] *Jani phaosphori. . . mnemonicae*. Leyden, Vincentius, 1619.

Supposed to be Paëpp's reply to the critics of his writings on mnemonics.
Fund for Rare Books.

Paré, A. *Works*, Trans. out of Latin. London, Cotes, 1634.
More than 300 wood-cuts of surgical instruments and operations.
Fund for Rare Books.

Pechlin, J. N. *De habitu et colore Aethiopum*. Kiloni, Reumann, 1677.

Very rare. Fund for Rare Books.

de Peiruis des Ambies. *Le medecin sincere*. Marseilles, Brebion, 1675.
Fund for Rare Books.

Pena, P. et de L'Obel, M. *Stirpium adversaria nova*. London, Purfoot, 1571.

First book printed in England with engraving on copper adapted to cartography. The third to have copper-plate engravings.
Fund for Rare Books.

Petrarch, Franciscus. *Vond er Aertzney bayder glück des guten und widerwertigen*. Augsburg, Steyner, 1532.

Rare German translation of Petrarch's famous satires upon physicians.
Fund for Rare Books.

Piana, G. B. *Curiosissimi saggi*. Torino, Zappata, 1695.
Fund for Rare Books.

Pipernus, P. *De magicis affectibus lib. VI*. [Naples, Montanari, 1635.]

Excessively rare work on diseases produced by enchantment.
Fund for Rare Books.

Plutarch. *De. . . philosophorum naturalibus*. Roma, Mazochius, 1510.

Very rare. Fund for Rare Books.

Putius, V. *Expertus ac perutilis tractatus contra epidimiam*. Perugia, de Cartulariis, 1523.

Interesting work on the plague, containing prescriptions, etc.
Fund for Rare Books.

- Quercetanus, J. Practise of Chymicall and hermeticall physicke.
London, Creede, 1605. Fund for Rare Books.
- Rabiqueau, C. Le microscope moderne. Paris, Demonville, 1781.
Optician to the King. By purchase.
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Presented by W. W. Keen, M.D.

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By purchase.

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By purchase.

Service sword of Horatio C. Wood during the rebellion of 1860.

Presented by H. C. Wood, M.D.

Sword taken from a wounded Confederate prisoner at hospital established immediately behind General Grant, when going through the Wilderness.

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We have also received during the year a number of interesting and more or less valuable autograph letters.

November 1, 1916, a "Photostat," with the necessary equipment, was installed by the order of the Library Committee. The subject had received careful consideration and it was determined that this very ingenious and practically automatic photographic machine would be of the greatest service not only to the Fellows and others using the Library, but to the Library itself, in the

preservation of its incunabula and other rare and valuable books and manuscripts.

For the sake of economy (chemicals and the man's time), the Photostat has been used only two afternoons and evenings (Wednesday and Friday), of each week, summer months excepted. The charge for prints to the Fellows and to other than Fellows, is a nominal one, calculated to cover in a degree, the cost of paper, chemicals and time.

From the Fellows of the College there were 12 applications for prints:

Amount received	\$29.65
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From other than Fellows there were 10 applications for prints:

Amount received	35.20
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Total	\$64.85
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This may possibly seem like a small showing; but it must be remembered that it is a new line of work and not generally known or its advantages appreciated. In every case the completed work has not only been satisfactory, but has called forth voluntary praise and words of appreciation.

For the Library 6102 prints have been made, large and small; this includes complete copies of 39 incunabula. The prints of a volume are paged, then sent to the binder where every two prints are pasted together to form a leaf, these leaves are mounted on guards and then the book is bound. A uniform style of binding, buckram with red labels, has been adopted. A number of these bound volumes have been on exhibition in the Reading-room during the past year and all who examined them expressed practically the same opinion that it was difficult to believe that they were photographic reproductions of printed books.

According to the instructions of the Library Committee these copies of incunabula and other rare books and manuscripts are

to take the place, upon the shelves, of the originals, and to be open for inspection and consultation. It is the understanding that when conditions are favorable, and the money available, proper accommodations will be built in, with the seventh tier of stacks, for the safe storage of the rare, and in some cases priceless, books and manuscripts belonging to the Library of the College.

Two imperfect books, one modern but out of print, were completed with photostat copies of the missing pages. When the large medical libraries realize the advantage of adding a photostat to their equipment, probably there will be arranged an exchange, or purchase of prints, by which many incomplete copies of valuable books can be completed.

It will be seen from the figures in this report that there has been a decrease in the visitors; books consulted and books taken out. A gradual decrease has been reported since the effects of the war in Europe became evident, say 1915; but with the entry of the United States in the war, April 6, 1917, the decrease in the use of the Library has been marked; this will be understood, however, when it is stated that nearly one-half of the Fellowship of the College is under Government Service and that a large proportion of the usual workers in the Library, not Fellows, have also volunteered their service.

The conditions covering the receipt of foreign medical literature have not improved, in fact have been more restricted than during the previous year; this has been felt particularly in the field of periodical publications, numbers are lost in transit and this loss is not known until the following number arrives. Claims are made for the missing numbers at once, but frequently without success. In many instances we are compelled to pay for the numbers which we claim. The end of this war will find in this Library, as in other libraries, many broken links that will have to be gathered together to form again the unbroken chain in their files of serial publications. The Library that can afford to send a special representative abroad to collect from its many sources the material issued in the various countries with which communication has been more or less interfered with, will have a great advantage.

In regard to books, there has been a slight increase in the number of new publications received for the year; namely, 30. All things considered this is a remarkably good showing. The following table shows the changes for the past three years.

	1917.	1916.	1915.
United States	456	425	283
Great Britain	121	161	100
France	144	15	8
Germany	20	90	175
Other countries	23	43	8
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The twenty volumes credited to Germany for this year are continuations; *i. e.*, books published in parts, and while the parts completing the volumes were received from our Agents in New York during the present year, the imprint in fourteen of them is 1915 and in the other six, 1916.

During the past year the Library Endowment Funds have been increased by an addition of \$14,964.04 to the Morris Longstreth Fund.

Total amount of Library Endowment Funds at this date \$320,425.92.

In the last Annual Report the Committee called the attention of the College to the condition of the books in the stacks from dust filtering through the closed windows and suggesting the advisability of having the windows sealed together with the installation of a proper ventilating system. Prompt action was taken by the College, and authorization was given to have made the necessary additions and alterations to the book-stacks as submitted in the Report, under the supervision of the Architect of the Building. Preliminary tests and examinations of various plans occupied considerable time and it was not until May 10, 1917, that the contracts were given—first—to seal all the windows in the stacks; for the sum of \$1628; and—second—to install an air-washing

machine, heating radiators, fan, necessary ducts and piping, with thermostats, for a complete ventilating system; for the sum of \$3930. The work of sealing the windows in the stacks was completed in August. The work of installing the ventilating system has been delayed by labor conditions and the uncertainty of transportation, and there are a few minor details still to be completed before the plant is ready for use. It should be stated that, in addition, a competent cleaner has been employed at a fixed salary, to work continuously and systematically in the stackroom.

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